

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments a reference to the related applications has been added to page 1 of this specification. Claims 1-46 as amended by the Article 19 Amendment previously filed in the related international application are in the application, together with new claims 47 and 48 added by the above amendments. The new claims are directed to features of the invention shown in Figs. 37 and 38, for example, wherein the coupling element is secured to a hindfoot portion of the foot, and the coupling element is configured to raise the position of the lower end of the ankle to a substantial height above the ground, and above the upwardly arched midfoot portion of the foot. The advantages of these features are discussed in the specification, see for example the next to last paragraph.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith. The application claims are believed to patentably define over the cited documents.

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